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ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

Release 2

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0.
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.

Qualification Description

This qualification reflects the role of a veterinary nurse who works under the supervision of a registered veterinarian to provide nursing care to animals, to support veterinarians to carry out medical and surgical procedures, and to support clients to maintain health of animals.

The Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing requires access to patients (animals), clients, medical and surgical cases, veterinary staff, and practice policies and procedures.

To achieve this qualification, the candidate must have completed at least 240 hours of work placement as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of the relevant units of competency.

The scope of practice for veterinary nurses is determined by state and territory legislative and regulatory requirements. Users of this qualification must refer to the relevant legislation and regulations in the development of training and assessment strategies.

Entry Requirements

Entry into this qualification is open to individuals who:

- hold a Certificate II in Animal Studies

OR

- hold a relevant Certificate III or higher level qualification in an animal science discipline

OR

- can demonstrate equivalent skills and knowledge in a relevant animal science discipline to any of the above qualifications.

Refer to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide for details.

Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 21 units of competency:
  - 17 core units plus
  - 4 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. The electives are to be chosen as follows:

- up to 4 units from any of the elective groups listed below
- up to 2 from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

Core Units

ACMGAS307	Identify animal anatomy and physiology for animal care work
ACMGAS308	Communicate effectively with clients and team members
ACMINF301	Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work
ACMVET202	Carry out daily practice routines
ACMVET401	Coordinate veterinary reception duties
ACMVET402	Apply imaging routines
ACMVET403	Perform clinical pathology procedures
ACMVET404	Perform practice office procedures
ACMVET405	Coordinate and perform surgical nursing routines
ACMVET406	Nurse animals
ACMVET407	Carry out medical nursing routines
ACMVET408	Provide nutritional advice and support for animals
ACMVET409	Provide specific animal care advice
ACMVET410	Carry out veterinary dental nursing procedures
ACMVET413	Prepare for anaesthesia and monitor animal anaesthesia and analgesia
ACMVET416	Assist with the preparation of veterinary drugs and poisons

ACMWHS301	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes

Elective Units

An asterisk (*) next to the unit code indicates that there are prerequisite requirements which must be met when packaging the qualification. Please refer to the Prerequisite requirements table for details.

Group A – General electives

ACMMIC401	Implant microchip in cats and dogs
ACMSUS401	Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
ACMVET411	Prepare, deliver and review animal care education programs
ACMVET412	Coordinate practice promotional activities
ACMVET512	Develop and implement specific practice policies
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid

Group B – Small and large animal

ACMSPE304	Provide basic care of domestic dogs
ACMSPE305	Provide basic care of domestic cats
ACMSPE310	Provide basic care of mammals
ACMSPE312	Provide basic care of rodents and rabbits

Group C – Exotic and captive animals

ACMSPE301	Provide basic care of amphibians
ACMSPE302	Provide basic care of birds
ACMSPE303	Provide basic care of common native mammals
ACMSPE306	Provide basic care of marine fish
ACMSPE307	Provide basic care of freshwater fish

ACMSPE308	Provide basic care of marine invertebrates
ACMSPE309	Provide basic care of terrestrial and freshwater invertebrates
ACMSPE311	Provide basic care of non-venomous reptiles

Group D – Equine

ACMEQU202 *	Handle horses safely
ACMEQU205	Apply knowledge of horse behaviour
ACMEQU401	Relate equine anatomical and physiological features to equine health care requirements
ACMEQU402	Determine nutritional needs in provision of horse health care
ACMEQU405	Maintain and monitor horse health and welfare
ACMHBR304 *	Assist with artificial insemination of mares
ACMHBR312	Carry out procedures for foaling down mares
ACMVET414*	Nurse foals
ACMVET415*	Provide intensive foal care and nursing

Prerequisite requirements

Note: Units listed in the *Prerequisite requirement* column that have their own prerequisite requirements are shown with an asterisk (*)

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely	ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour
ACMHBR304 Assist with artificial insemination of mares	ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely*
ACMVET414 Nurse foals	ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely*

ACMVET415 Provide intensive foal care and nursing	ACMVET414 Nurse foals*

Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing Release 2	ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing Release 1	Qualification updated to replace superseded first aid unit, as approved by the AISC in consultation with ASQA	Equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103